

The following Listing of Claims replaces all prior listings, and versions, of claims in the subject patent application.

Listing of Claims:

1-13 (Canceled).

14 (Currently amended). A neutral section for use with an overhead railway conductor line, which neutral section is disposed between the ends of said conductor line when in use, the neutral section comprising an insulator having a single, integral body to isolate the ends of said conductor line from each other; wherein the profile of the neutral section is designed such that, when the neutral section is in use, its neutral axis is aligned closely with the neutral axis of the conductors on its either side and the height of said insulator is chosen so that the stiffness and the dynamic mass of the neutral section closely match those of the conductors on its either side in both the vertical and horizontal planes ~~A neutral section as claimed in claim 1~~, and wherein a semiconductor tape is attached to a spine of the neutral section.

15-16 (Canceled).

17 (Currently amended). A neutral section for use with an overhead railway conductor line, which neutral section is disposed between the ends of said conductor line when in use, the neutral section comprising an insulator having a single, integral body to isolate the ends of said conductor line from each other; wherein the profile of the neutral section is designed such that, when the neutral section is in use, its neutral axis is aligned closely with the neutral axis of the conductors on its either side and the height of said insulator is chosen so that the stiffness and the dynamic mass of the neutral section closely match those of the conductors on its either side in both the vertical and horizontal planes, wherein each of said electrical plates are made of epoxy resin with chopped strand glass fiber reinforcement, and ~~A neutral section as claimed in claim 15~~; wherein the plates are spaced at a distance of 100 mm or more.

18 (Currently amended). A neutral section for use with an overhead railway conductor line, which neutral section is disposed between the ends of said conductor line when in

use, the neutral section comprising an insulator having a single, integral body to isolate the ends of said conductor line from each other; wherein the profile of the neutral section is designed such that, when the neutral section is in use, its neutral axis is aligned closely with the neutral axis of the conductors on its either side and the height of said insulator is chosen so that the stiffness and the dynamic mass of the neutral section closely match those of the conductors on its either side in both the vertical and horizontal planes, wherein each of said electrical plates are made of epoxy resin with chopped strand glass fiber reinforcement, and A neutral section as claimed in claim 15, wherein the plates have spherical surfaces.

19-22 (Canceled).